

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
DALLAS DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
Plaintiff,

v.

CHRISTOPHER AUNDRE
FAULKNER,
Defendant.

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CRIMINAL ACTION NO:
3:18-CR-500-B

ORDER SETTING REARRAIGNMENT HEARING VIA VIDEO TELECONFERENCE

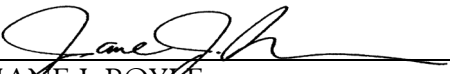
In Second Amended Special Order No. 13-9, under authority granted by the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act, and based on findings of the Judicial Conference of the United States that emergency conditions will materially affect the functioning of the court, the chief judge authorized the use of video conferencing for certain criminal proceedings, including felony guilty pleas. The chief judge also found that felony guilty pleas cannot be conducted in person without seriously jeopardizing public health and safety. If a district judge in a particular case finds, for specific reasons, that the felony plea cannot be further delayed without serious harm to the interests of justice, the plea may be conducted by video conferencing. A video teleconference may only take place, however, with the consent of the defendant after consultation with counsel.

The court finds in this case that the felony plea cannot be further delayed without serious harm to the interests of justice. Accordingly, the court will conduct the plea hearing in this case via video teleconference on **December 1, 2020, at 9:00 a.m.** The court will determine on the record whether the defendant consents to proceeding via video teleconference. Once available, counsel and all participants, including members of the public who request to participate, will

receive a link and instructions for participating in the hearing. Counsel must provide the court reasonable notice of any witnesses whom they would like to present. Members of the public who wish to view the proceeding must email Boyle_Clerk@txnd.uscourts.gov to request the connection instructions.

SO ORDERED.

Signed this November 19, 2020.



JANE J. BOYLE
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE